

**Scheme for franchising postal outlets**

**\*27. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Posts have issued orders for the launch of the scheme for franchising postal outlets in urban areas in the country.
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such outlets notified State-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for the franchising of postal jobs?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN):** (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) No postal jobs have been franchised.

**Urban infrastructure development schemes**

**\*28. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various schemes formulated and being implemented by Government for urban infrastructure development in the country;
- (b) the details of funds allotted for the purpose by Government during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of achievements made so far in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY):** (a) to (c) Schemes being implemented by this Ministry for urban infrastructure development in the country, details of funds provided during last three years and achievements made so far, are as follows:—

**(i) Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM):**

The Government of India has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005 to give focused